

John Hutchings to Andrew Jackson, April 24, 1806, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

JOHN HUTCHINGS TO JACKSON.

New Orleans, April 24, 1806.

Deare Sir , I this evening by mail receved your letter dated the 7th of Apriel, and feele more gratified to here the success of Truxton Wining his race under all his dificulties, then I ever Can in similar Curcomstances. I am truly sorry that mr. Dickerson and Capt Wright left here befor this pleasing nuse reached me, so I might of had the pleasur of seeing them in their aggoney.

I am sorry to say that our flats has not yet reach,d this port. Falkners Brage [Barge] only yesterday morning landed here and, Catlett states that he past them neer the Buffts. he set out from Nashvill on the same day I set out. By this I flatter my self they will be here in the Course of this weak. I have laid in our groceries, and packed up some dry goods, which think are laid in on good terms. I have nothing to do on the arival of our flate Boates but unload, and starte the Barge Back. Cotton has fallen down to 20 Centes and some merchants say 18 Cents. But I am determind not sell at either prices, here is in this port about 60 large ships now weighting for freight and the expence of those Vessells to the owners amount about Sixty Dollars pr day. this will mak[e] them purchase Cotton. they are only weighting thinking that the market will be glutted with Cotton, here is a number of merchants offered to engage Cotton at 20 Cents, I will not tak[e] it untill the last Hour. Staves still retain their former prices and in demand, I have been making all possable enquiery about gorge but Cant get the least inteligance about him. I had the pleasure of meeting with our worthy friend Doctor Crare, who makes all possable enquiery about him,

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and appears as much interested about him as you are. I shall wright you by the next mail, I hope when I shall be able to leave the City, and the saf ariveal of our boats.

I am D Sir